

EXECUTIVE ORDER

NO. 76-10

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ESTABLISHING THE ARIZONA TASK FORCE
ON MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

WHEREAS, the entire history of human society teaches us that the family unit is the best way for men and women to live their lives, the best way to raise children, and the only solid foundation upon which a strong nation can be built; and

WHEREAS, we face times of unprecedented change and pressures on the family, as reflected in rising rates of divorce, crime, drug and emotional problems; and

WHEREAS, there is need for better coordination among government sponsored and private programs dealing with family life; and

WHEREAS, although government cannot by itself restore the solid foundation of the family, it can avoid anti-family policies and programs and can offer guidance and counseling and direction which will help strengthen family ties.

PART I

The Function and Purpose

1. To encourage effective participation of such people in the community as attorneys, physicians, church ministers, counselors, educators, homemakers, members of the judiciary and social workers in the development and implementation of positive programs to strengthen family life.

2. Consult, cooperate, and work closely with the Governor, Legislature, Family and Conciliation courts, and appropriate social agencies in the public and private sectors, to compile the necessary information and present both general and specific recommendations.

PART II

Organization

1. The membership of the Arizona Task Force on Marriage and the Family, hereafter referred to as the Task Force, shall consist of not less than thirty persons and not more than forty-five persons, with members to have competency and interest in the various areas of social interaction that most affect the family.

2. All members of the Task Force shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, without compensation.

3. The Task Force shall meet initially at a time and place to be designated by the Governor, and thereafter at the call of the chairperson.

4. Vacancies which occur on the Task Force may be filled by the Governor.

PART III

Powers and Authority

1. The Task Force shall have the authority to work with appropriate state agencies.

2. The Task Force shall have the authority to make general and specific recommendations concerning the strengthening of the family to the Governor, to the state legislature, to the judiciary and to appropriate government and private agencies.

3. The Task Force shall have the authority to research and suggest proposed legislation which will assist in the implementation or revision of policies benefitting families throughout our state.

4. The Task Force shall have the authority to recruit and name as many persons as deemed necessary to supportive "Research Committee" functions, which will work with and supplement the work of the Task Force and serve as the nucleus for the planned "Governor's Conference on Marriage and the Family" to be held in the spring of 1977.

5. The Task Force shall also have the general supervisory responsibility of planning a statewide "Governor's Conference on Marriage and the Family" in response to direction by the Office of the Governor.

PART IV

Tenure

1. The Task Force will be created on its formal announcement by the Governor, and will terminate upon the submission to the Governor of a report of its findings and recommendations.

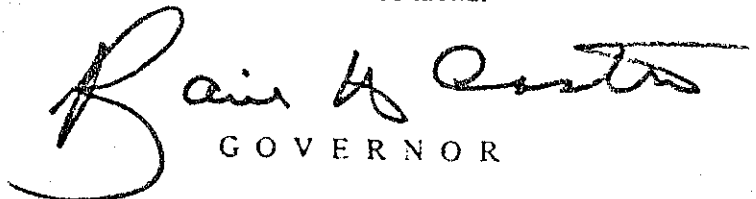
2. The functions and duties of the Task Force may be continued, following its formal termination, by means of a follow-up commission to be named by the Governor.

PART V

Effective Date

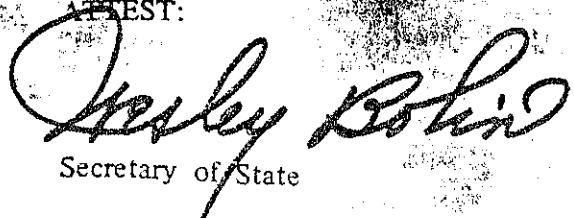
1. This Executive Order shall become effective November 22, 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused to be affixed the Great
Seal of the State of Arizona.


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this 22nd
day of November in the Year of Our Lord
One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-six
and of the Independence of the United States
the Two Hundredth and First.

ATTEST:


Secretary of State